



February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

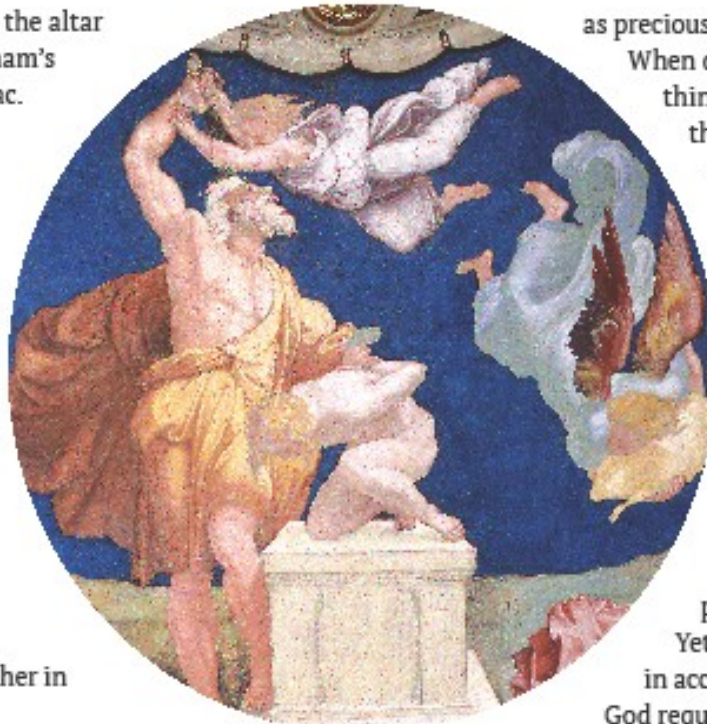
Mk 9:2-10

Let Go and Let God

Kneeling humbly on the altar is the son of Abraham's old age, the promised Isaac. He was the answer to prayer, a commitment by God that, through this child, Abraham would have descendants as numerous as the stars. Yet God was asking him to sacrifice that hope and promise. And Abraham, although surely not understanding, was willing to obey the Father. It represents the supreme test of faith. Abraham is called our Father in Faith for a reason.

Abraham is looking up to God, not focused on the creatures, even as much as he loved his son. We also need to be looking up to God in order to rightly value the things below.

He understands that no godly gift should take God's place in the human heart—even something



Piece: *The Sacrifice of Isaac*, 1511
Artist: Raphael Sanzio
Location: Vatican Museums

as precious as his God-given child.

When dealing with all the good things God gives us, even those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to submit to his plans.

God doesn't always make sense to us, and we are painfully aware that his ways are not always our ways.

Isaac is a young boy, but certainly big enough to put up a fight as his elderly father's plans become evident.

Yet we see him kneeling in acceptance of the sacrifice

God requests. Although he wants to understand, he doesn't make the reason an absolute. Isaac foreshadows the trusting lamb led to slaughter, the ram whose head will be caught in a crown of thorns, and the Son who will not be spared by the heavenly Father.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Are we willing to lay peacefully within God's plan, even if it means sacrifice?

Do we trust his plans more than our own?

Is there anything more beloved by us than God's loving plan for us?

*He who did not spare his own Son...
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?
Romans 8:32*

Mass Intentions for the Week



		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Feb. 24	5 p.m.	Praxedes Brual †	Asuncion Family
Sunday, Feb. 25	8 a.m.	Al Carlson-Good Health	Friends at St. John
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11 a.m.	Rodolfo Abesamis-Good Health	Abesamis Family
	12:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Vaz	Community of St. Vaz
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Feb. 26	8 a.m.	Eric Ewen-Blessings and Good Health	Friends at St. John
Tuesday, Feb. 27	8 a.m.	Joselito Asuncion †	Asuncion Family
Wednesday, Feb. 28	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Thursday, Mar. 1	8 a.m.	George Bates	Tom Queally
Friday, Mar. 2	8 a.m.	Clara Ulloa †	Noreen Shaughnessy
Saturday, Mar. 3	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, February 18, 2017	\$ 0000
Loose Donations	\$ 0000
Second Collection: Youth Ministry	\$0000
Ash Wednesday	\$0000

Thank you for your generosity.

Daylight Savings Time

On March 11, Sunday, set time one hour ahead.

Thank you, from GRIP

Kathleen Sullivan, Executive Director of GRIP, extends her gratitude to St. John Church for the gift of \$200 to the Shelter.

CRS-Rice Bowl

CRS encounters Cesia through CRS Rice Bowl and all young people in Nigaragua struggling to find meaningful work, that their God-given gifts, be used for the common good. For worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities.

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Gera Assefa
 Evelyn Baker, Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick Batiste
 Paul Batist, Irene Blair, Robert Britto, Richard Calapini, Evelyn Canepa, Jeff Chavez, Bernadine Clark, Brenna Clark, Jennette Cleadenger
 Betty Cooper, Linda Crittendon
 Cora Dongon
 Joann Douglas, Pablo de la Vega
 Mary Dong, Tami Duncan, Juanita Estrellas, Filomena Giese, Mike Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau
 Domingos deGregorio, Andy Gutierrez, James Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Pat Jeffre, Ann Jones, Tom Kennedy, Robin Laws, Maria Impang Lozada, Bernice Lockett, Marian & Michael Luoma, Nancy McVey
 Francis Mondragon, Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Pam Pau, Victoria Payless, Fely Sabares Jovita Santos, Linda Schneider, Dimitri Smith, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle, Jan Williamson



Senior Center Event

Feb. 27: Judi's Australia & New Zealand Travels at 11:30am/Lunch at 12:30pm. Call: 237-3808 (Tues).

Second Sunday of Lent

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God himself “did not spare His own Son.” Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial?

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Rom 8:31b-34, Mk 9:2-10.

Monday Readings: Dan 9:4b-10, Lk 6: 36-38.

Tuesday Readings: Is 1:10,16-20, Mt 23:1-12.

Wednesday Readings: Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28. Or Phil 4:4-9, Mt 18:1-5.

Thursday Readings: Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31.

Friday Readings: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21:33-43,45-46.

Saturday Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3,11-32.

Liturgy of the Hours, Mon.- Fri. at 7:40am.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Wed., 8:30am at the Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.- Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish), Chapel.

Holy Infant of Prague Novena, Thu. at 8:30am at Church.

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

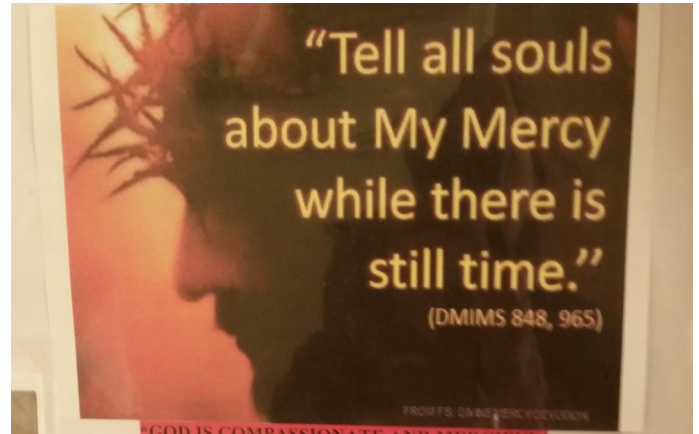
Confession, Sat., at 4pm or at an appointed time.

Stations of the Cross, Fri., 8:30am., Fri., 7:30pm (With Benediction). Both times at Church.

First Saturday Charismatic Service, Adoration, Benediction and Healing, Sat., 7:00pm

First Friday, Adoration and Benediction, 8:30am

First Saturday, Anointing of the Sick, 8:30am



Adoration Chapel's Lenten Retreat

A Topic About Prayer
Saturday, March 10, 2018, 7pm-9pm

Learning About Fasting
Saturday, March 17, 2018, 7pm-9pm

Understanding Almsgiving
Saturday, March 24, 2018, 7pm-9pm

Protecting God's Children

All volunteers and church employees must be certified thru virtusonline.org.

Volunteers and church employees, who mentor minors, or administer the Eucharist at homes or visit vulnerable adults need to be livescanned/ fingerprinted.

Send the Rectory copy(s) of completion to keep on file.

For questions, please call the Rectory or the Safe Environment, Diocese c/o Diana Bitz 267-8315.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of March

Evangelization: **Formation in Spiritual Discernment.** That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels

The “Footsteps of St. Paul” Pilgrimage

This pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey will visit the House of the Blessed Mother in Ephesus. Mass will be celebrated daily during the 14-Day Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage includes seven days of cruising the Greek Islands. The cost is \$4,599 for a round-trip airfare from San Francisco, hotel accommodations, meals, cruise and island short excursions. Flyers are available at the vestibule and at the St. John the Baptist Office. Due to high demand, please make your reservation early for this pilgrimage from September 20 to October 3, 2018. The pilgrimage will be accompanied by Fr. Thuong H. Nguyen as the Spiritual Director. For reservation and for more information, contact Group Leader, Linfa Belisario, @ (510) 599-4210.

Holy Land Pilgrimage, Dec. 3-13, 2018

Walk the Path filled with Miracles.

For information: www.polandmej.com
Or call Victoria at 650-758-5802, or Luvi at 510-918-5825.

Daily Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Joseph Tran.

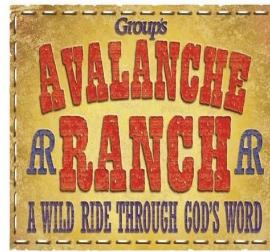
**Home Made Lasagna Luncheon
YLI Mother of Perpetual Help #159**

YLI is a Catholic women’s non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping our local churches and community. Please join us at a fundraiser for the Richmond Police Canine Association and enjoy good food and fun prizes. For \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door, you will be treated to a hearty home made lasagna, green salad, garlic bread and a tasty dessert. There are raffle tickets at \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets where you can win fun prizes.

Luncheon is from 12:30PM to 2PM, Saturday, March 3, 2018 at St. Jerome Church downstairs in Rohan Hall in El Cerrito. RSVP: Alia Zuniga, (510) 384-8978 from 10AM-5PM. We accept cash and personal checks only. Make checks payable to: MOPH#159.

Stations of the Cross at St. David of Wales
St. David holds “Stations of the Cross” every Friday of Lent @ 11:15 AM.

Vacation Bible Day Camp



St. John The Baptist Church’s 17th Annual Vacation Bible Day Camp will be held June 25-29th, 2018. Our School Gym will be transformed into a Country Western Ranch Experience for “A Wild Ride at Avalanche Ranch”.

Prairie Dog Pre-School is for 3-5 year olds who haven't started kindergarten. The same time and fees apply. All Day Campers are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for only \$170, Morning only Campers are 9 a.m.-12 noon for \$70 (One of the Best Bargains in the Bay Area!). Kids can arrive at 8 a.m. at no extra charge.)

Kids will enjoy: Sing & Play Stampede Skits & Songs, Cowpoke Crafts & Science, Wild Bible Adventures, Chuck Wagon Chow Snacks, Horseplay Games, Special Guests & Service Projects, new friends and much more!

Mark your calendars & set the date for the Coolest week of the Summer! On-line registration will be available in March: www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html.

Questions: Pam Vincent [email:pam@sjtbc.us](mailto:pam@sjtbc.us)

Thank You, Parishioners

On behalf of the diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Committee, I would like to express our gratitude to you for coordinating the CCHD Collection last November. Your parish brought in **\$529**.

Please share this information with your pastor and extend our appreciation to him for his support with the collection.

This year CCHD distributed the contributions from throughout the diocese in the form of fourteen grants to organizations in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties working to eliminate unjust social structures and economic barriers. Those grants totaled **\$165,000!**

From the entire CCHD Local Committee, we wish you and your parishioners a happy Valentine's Day and a transformative Lent.

Warmly,

March 2018

CC – Community Center CC2 – Community Center Upstairs CH – Church CR – Conference Room DR – Dining Room MR – Music Room DM – Divine Mercy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 Third Sunday of Lent Masses: 8a / 9:30a / 11a / 12:30p / 6p (Brazilian) 9:30a CRE 10:30a Hospitality-CR</p>	<p>5 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2</p>	<p>6 7:40a Morning Prayer/ 8a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a Senior Program-CC 6:30p CharismaticChoirPrac-MR</p>	<p>7 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass/Perpetual Help Novena/Rosary / Divine MercyChaplet 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p 8amChoirPrac-MR 7:30a Scripture Study-CR</p>	<p>1 7:40a Morning Prayer/ 8a Mass / Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet / Infant of Prague Novena 7p Youth Ministry-CC 7:30p 12:30ChoirPrac-MR 7:45p 11amChoirPrac-CH</p>	<p>2 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass/Adoration 8:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM</p>	<p>3 8a Mass / Anointing of the Sick 9:30a Pastoral Council Meet 10a St Vincent Pantry 11a Youth Choir 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass 7p Charismatic Service/Adoration</p>
<p>11 Fourth Sunday of Lent Masses: 8a / 9:30a / 11a / 12:30p / 6p (Brazilian) 9:30a CRE 10:30a Pre-Baptism Classes Hospitality-CR <i>Daylight Savings Time</i></p>	<p>12 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass / Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2</p>	<p>13 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a Senior Program-CC 6:30p CharismaticChoirPrac-MR</p>	<p>14 7:40a Morning Prayer/ 8a 7:30p Mass 8:30a Perpetual Help Novena/ Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p 8amChoirPrac-MR 7:30a Scripture Study-CR</p>	<p>15 7:40a Morning Prayer/ 8a Mass /Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet / Infant of Prague Novena 7p Youth Ministry 7:30p 12:30ChoirPrac-MR 7:45p 11amChoirPrac-CH</p>	<p>16 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/ Divine Mercy Chaplet 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM</p>	<p>17 8a Mass 9a Opus Dei Meeting-DM 9:30a Finance Meeting 10a St Vincent Pantry 11a Youth Choir 4p Confession 5p Vigil Mass</p>
<p>18 Fifth Sunday of Lent Masses: 8a/9:30a/11a/12:30p/6p (Brazilian) 9:30a CRE 10:30a Pre-Baptism Class Hospitality-CR</p>	<p>19 St. Joseph 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass / Rosary/ Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2</p>	<p>20 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a Senior Program-CC 6:30p CharismaticChoirPrac-MR</p>	<p>21 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass/Perpetual Help Novena /Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p 8amChoirPrac-MR 7:30a Scripture Study-CR</p>	<p>22 7:40a Morning Prayer/ 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet/Infant of Prague Novena 7p Youth Ministry 7:30p 12:30ChoirPrac-MR 7:45p 11amChoirPrac-CH</p>	<p>23 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM 7:30p Penance Service</p>	<p>24 8a Mass 11a Youth Choir 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass</p>
<p>25 Palm Sunday Masses: 8a/9:30a/11a/12:30p/6p (Brazilian) 9:30a CRE 10:30a Hospitality-CR</p>	<p>26 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/ Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2</p>	<p>27 7:40a Morning Prayer/ 8a Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a Senior Program-CC 6:30p CharismaticChoirPrac-MR</p>	<p>28 7:40a Morning Prayer/ 8a Mass/Perpetual Help Novena/Rosary/ Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p 8amChoirPrac-MR 7:30p Scripture Study-CR</p>	<p>29 Holy Thursday 7:30p Mass of the Lord's Supper</p>	<p>30 Good Friday No Mass 11:30p Sacred Music 12Noon Good Friday Prayer Service 3p Prayer Service (Brazilian)</p>	<p>31 Holy Saturday 8:30p Easter Vigil Mass</p>